

**The Peace Society.** The London Peace Society held its annual meeting in London on the 22d May. No report has yet reached us but it is said by those who claim to know that in spite of the mighty armaments maintained by the nations of the old world, considerable progress has been made in the direction of mutual agreement to a disarmament, and a lessening of the enormous burdens now borne by these overtaxed peoples.

**That Big Through** which the *Missionary Telescope*. Review looked when it saw "the ratio of Catholics to Protestants in the Province of Quebec, 1,000 to 1," must have a wonderful magnifying power. It is not quite so bad as that brother. Divide the 1,000 by 200, and you will be nearer the mark, but even that proportion is an earnest call to work that those of whom so many are sitting in darkness may see the light of a free and full gospel.

**A. Bagster** This monogram, so familiar to many & Sons. Bible readers, has now behind it a century of history. The Bagster house has reached its centenary. On the 19th of April, 1794, Samuel Bagster, a Christian young man, began business in London. He was a man of strong faith and high purpose. His wife, who was like minded, lived to the great age of 100 years. All over the world from this well known Bible House have gone forth editions of the Holy Scriptures, which, for their beauty and durability, were until recently unequalled.

**The Second Advent.** A premillennial writer, Prof. Moorhead of Xenia, O., writing in *The Truth*, asks the question,—"Why is it that nearly every religious extravagance in these last days somehow connects itself with the second advent? An enormous brood of heresies infest the country. Annihilation of the wicked, conditional immortality, restorationism, soul-sleeping, blasphemous pretensions to miraculous power—fanatics and lunatics of every hue—the land is filled with their frightful noise, and almost everyone claims to be waiting for the Lord's coming. What does it all mean? Is it possible that the blessed hope tends to produce and foster error?" And he answers his own question as follows,—"No.—The reason seems to be this:—The devil, who has a special hatred for this truth, evermore seeks to cover it with ridicule and contempt; and so he drives under whip and spur, poor deluded men and women into all sorts of fantastic and harmful notions, tying these up at the same time with the doctrine of the advent."

The great question for men to decide is, what use they shall make of Christ's first advent. If that be despised, what shall they do when He cometh to judgment?

## Our Home Work.

**Scotch Students.** Five students from the Free and N. P. Churches of Scotland have arrived in the North-West to do Home Mission work. All are supported by the Student's Missionary Societies of their respective colleges.

**Rev. Geo. Flett.** Some of our ministers will remember a little swarthy man, who, on more than one occasion, addressed the General Assembly on Indian Missions. Though 77 years of age he is still hale and hearty, and gives promise of years of good work yet at Okase Reserve.

**College Closings.** In last issue mention was made of the closing of Montreal and Knox; since that time, Halifax and Queen's have completed a very successful winter's work and sent forth their quota of laborers unto the harvest. The closing in Halifax missed the kindly face of Dr. MacKnight who was ill, but there was little thought that he should be with them no more. In a few days he had gone to the Master whom he loved and lived so well.

**Home Mission Com., West.** The Synod of British Columbia has transmitted an overture to the General Assembly regarding the composition of the Home Mission Committee. It proposes to reduce the Committee to one third its present size, and make it consist of two members each from the Synods of Montreal and Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, Hamilton and London, and one each from the Synods of Man. and N. W., and that of B. C., together with the two Home Missionary Superintendents, and a Convener and Secretary to be appointed by the Assembly.

**Augmentation.** This Fund in the West had not sufficient, by \$4500, to pay in full the allowances to weak congregations for the last half year, and the committee was compelled to deduct thirty six dollars from each settled charge. Where shall this burden fall? Surely it is not fair that it should fall upon the minister. The congregation should bear at least part of the burden. Is your congregation an aided one? Will you not do something to help make up to your minister the deficiency of the Fund, and further, let that proportion be according to your respective ability, and the minister will gladly bear his share according to his ability, but do not be guilty of letting all or the larger part of it rest upon him.

**French Notes.** From reports of missionaries and students for April are the following:—From Waubashene, Ont., Mr. Menai writes: "It seems as if the Lord had sent me to my field in time to visit the sick people for I never knew so much sickness as in Waubashene since I came. I have read and prayed with a number and have been well received. Many Roman